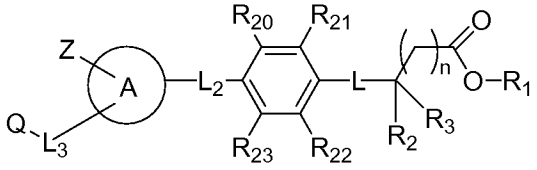
Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

each R_1 is independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or C_3-C_6 alkenyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$C(O)NH_2$, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$C(O)NH(C_1$-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$C(O)N(C_1$-C_4)alkyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$S(O)_b$-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) hydroxyalkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-heterocycloalkyl, or -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-heteroaryl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R_3 is H or $-CO_2R_1$,

R_{20}, R_{21}, R_{22}, and R_{23} are independently selected from H, arylalkoxy, arylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, NH-aryl, -$N(C_1$-C_4 alkyl)C(O)aryl, -NHC(O)aryl, NHarylalkyl, NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-aryl, $N(C_1$-C_4 alkyl)C(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-aryl, $N(C_1$-C_4)alkyl-aryl, -$NHSO_2$-aryl, -$N(C_1$-C_4alkyl)SO_2aryl, or -$N(C_1$-C_4alkyl)arylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally

substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy;

L is $-SO_2NH-$, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, $-NHSO_2-$, -O-, -C(O)NH-, $-C(O)N(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, $-SO_2-$, $-C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, $-N(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L_2 is a bond ~~or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-C(O)NR_9-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-C(O)N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-C(O)N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)C(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, -N(R9)-, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, $-O-(C_1-C_6)alkyl-$, $-(C_1-C_6)alkyl-O-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-$,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with CO_2H, $-SO_2$aryl, arylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy~~;

L_3 is a bond~~, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-O-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, -alkenyl-, C(O)~~;

the A ring is ~~phenyl, naphthyl,~~ thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl, benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,

haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, CN, NH_2, $NH(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl$(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl;

Q is H, aryl, -aryl-carbonyl-aryl, -aryl-alkyl-aryl, -aryl-heteroaryl, -aryl-heterocycloalkyl, -heteroaryl, -heteroaryl-alkyl-aryl, or -heterocycloalkyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, aryl$(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl, alkanoyl, arylalkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NH(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl, $-C(O)N(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl$(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl, or $-SO_2$-aryl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, $NH(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl$(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy, and

Z is $-NHC(O)$aryl, $-N(C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl$)C(O)$aryl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, or NO_2, or

Z is $-NHC(O)$-$(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl-$(C_3\text{-}C_7)$cycloalkyl, $-N(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl$C(O)$-$(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl-$(C_3\text{-}C_7)$cycloalkyl.~~;~~

~~provided that when L2 is a bond, the A ring is not phenyl.~~

Claim 2. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R_1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$C(O)NH_2$, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$C(O)NH(C_1$-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$C(O)N(C_1$-C_4)alkyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$S(O)_b$-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) hydroxyalkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-pyridinyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, or -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-tetrahydrofuranyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, pyrimidyl, or triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl(C_1-$C_6)$alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -(C_1-C_4)alkyl- phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-oxazolyl, -phenyl-thiazolyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dibenzofuranyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic

groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, piperidinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH_2, -C(O)NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, -C(O)N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or -SO_2-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, or NO_2, or

Z is –NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl, or –N(C_1-C_4)alkylC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 2, wherein

L is -SO_2NH-, -SO_2N(C_1-C_4) alkyl-, -$NHSO_2$-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C_1-C_4)alkyl-, -SO_2-, -C(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, or -N(C_1-C_4) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy;

~~L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-C(O)NR_9-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-C(O)N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-C(O)N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-N(R_9)C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-O-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-N(R_9)-$,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2$phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, naphthyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, anthracenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy;~~

~~L_3 is a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-O-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-C(O)-$;~~ and

R_{20}, R_{21}, R_{22}, and R_{23} are independently selected from H, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkoxy, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, NH-phenyl, -NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-phenyl, -N$(C_1-C_4$ alkyl)C(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-phenyl, N(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, $-NHSO_2$-phenyl, -N$(C_1-C_4$alkyl)SO_2phenyl, NHbenzyl, or -N(C_1-C_6)alkylbenzyl, wherein the phenyl and naphthyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy.

Claim 4. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 3, wherein

L is $-SO_2NH-$, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C_1-C_4)alkyl-, -NH-, or -N(C_1-C_4) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are

independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy;

~~L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-C(O)NR_9-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-C(O)N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-O-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-N(R_9)-$,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2$phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy;~~

~~L_3 is a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-O-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl$-$, $-C(O)-$;~~

R_1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, benzyl or allyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-$C(O)NH_2$, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-$C(O)NH(C_1-C_4)$alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-$C(O)N(C_1-C_4)$alkyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-$S(O)_b-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl, (C_1-C_4) hydroxyalkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-piperidinyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R_3 is H;

R_{20}, R_{21}, R_{22}, and R_{23} are independently selected from H, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkoxy, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, NH-phenyl, $N(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-phenyl, NHbenzyl, or $-N(C_1-C_6)$alkylbenzyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally

substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, pyrimidyl, or triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl;

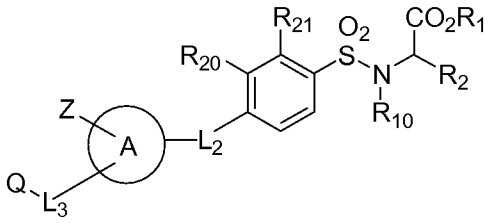
Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -(C_1-C_4)alkyl- phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, imidazolidinyl, dibenzofuranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, or -SO_2-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, or NO_2, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl, or -N(C_1-C_4)alkylC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl.

Claim 5. (original) A compound according to claim 4 of the formula



wherein,

R_1 is H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy;

R_{10} is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy; and

R_{20}, and R_{21}, are independently selected from H, benzyloxy, benzyl, halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, OH, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2,

$NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, NH-phenyl, $N(C_1-C_4)alkyl$-phenyl, NHbenzyl, or $-N(C_1-C_6)alkylbenzyl$, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy.

Claim 6. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 5, wherein

~~L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-C(O)NR_9-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-$,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2$phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, naphthyl-CH_2-, anthracenyl-CH_2-, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy;~~

~~L_3 is a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-O-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, $-C(O)-$;~~

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrrolidinyl, <u>or</u> piperazinyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups

are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, or NR_6R_7; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, or -SO_2-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, or NO_2, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl, or -N(C_1-C_4)alkylC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl.

Claim 7. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 6, wherein

R_1 is H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3;

R_{10} is H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy; and

R_{20}, and R_{21}, are independently selected from H, halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, OH, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl,

~~L_2 is a bond or -C(O)NR_9-, -N(R_9)C(O)-, -(C_1-C_4)alkyl-C(O)NR_9-, -(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)C(O)-, -N(R_9)SO_2-, -SO_2N(R_9)-, -N(R_9)-, -N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-, or -(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -SO_2phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3;~~

~~L_3 is a bond, -(C_1-C_4)alkyl-O-, -O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-, or -C(O)-;~~

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, or NR_6R_7; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4

alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)phenyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, or NO_2, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl, or -N(C_1-C_4)alkylC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 7, wherein

R_1 is H, or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, or -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl;

R_{10} is H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, CF_3, or OCF_3; and

At least one of R_{20} and R_{21}, is H, while the other is H, halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, OH, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl,

~~L_2 is a bond or -C(O)NR_9-, -N(R_9)C(O)-, -N(R_9)SO_2-, -SO_2N(R_9)-, -N(R_9)-, -N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-, or -(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -SO_2phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3;~~

~~L_3 is a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-O-, $-O-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, or $-C(O)-$;~~

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, or NR_6R_7; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, $-N(C_1-C_4$ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, or NO_2, or

Z is $-NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-(C_3-C_7)$cycloalkyl, or $-N(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-(C_3-C_7)$cycloalkyl.

Claim 9. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 8, wherein

~~L_2 is a bond;~~

R_2 is phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1,

2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, or -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl;

Q is phenyl[[,]] or pyridyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, or NR_6R_7; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3, and

Z is phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, or NO_2.

Claim 10. (original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

R_1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or C_3-C_6 alkenyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$C(O)NH_2$, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-C(O)NH(C_1-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-C(O)N(C_1-C_4)alkyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$S(O)_b$-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) hydroxyalkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-pyridinyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, or -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-tetrahydrofuranyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R_3 is H or $-CO_2R_1$,

R_{20}, R_{21}, R_{22}, and R_{23} are independently selected from H, phenylalkoxy, phenylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, NH-phenyl, $-N(C_1-C_4$ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-phenyl, $N(C_1-C_4$ alkyl)C(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-phenyl, $N(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-phenyl, $-NHSO_2$-phenyl, $-N(C_1-C_4$alkyl)SO_2phenyl, or $-N(C_1-C_4$alkyl)phenylalkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy; and

L is $-SO_2NH-$, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, $-NHSO_2-$, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C_1-C_4)alkyl-, $-SO_2-$, -C(O)-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, $-N(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy.

Claim 11. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 10, wherein

~~L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-C(O)NR_9-, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-N(R_9)C(O)-, -C(O)N$(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, $-N(R_9)C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-C(O)N$(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-N(R_9)C(O) $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, $-O-(C_1-C_6)$alkyl-, $-(C_1-C_6)$alkyl-O-, or $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-N$(R_9)-$,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with CO_2H, $-SO_2$phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylalkyl, or anthracenylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH,~~

~~NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl$(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;~~

~~L_3 is absent, a bond, -$(C_1$-$C_4)$alkyl-O-, -O-$(C_1$-$C_4)$alkyl, -$(C_1$-$C_4)$alkyl-, -alkenyl-, C(O);~~

the A ring is ~~phenyl, naphthyl,~~ thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, quinolinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl, benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, furanyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl, or $N(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl$(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -$(C_1$-$C_4)$alkyl- phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-oxazolyl, -phenyl-thiazolyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-$(C_1$-$C_4)$alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-$(C_1$-$C_4)$alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl$(C_1$-$C_6)$alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl$(C_1$-$C_6)$alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl$(C_1$-$C_6)$alkoxycarbonyl,

pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, piperidinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $-C(O)N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or $-SO_2$-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, and

Z is $-NHC(O)$phenyl, $-N(C_1-C_4$ alkyl$)C(O)$phenyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, or NO_2.

Claim 12. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 11, wherein

R_{20}, R_{21}, R_{22}, and R_{23} are independently selected from H, phenylalkoxy, benzyl, phenethyl, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, NH-phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, $N(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-phenyl, $-NHSO_2$-phenyl, $-N(C_1-C_4$alkyl$)SO_2$phenyl, or $-N(C_1-C_4$alkyl$)$phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy;

L is $-SO_2NH-$, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, $-NHSO_2-$, $-O-$, $-C(O)NH-$, $-C(O)N(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, $-SO_2-$, $-C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-$C(O)-$, $-NH-$, $-N(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy; or

~~L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-C(O)NR_9-$, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-C(O)N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-O-(C_1-C_6)$alkyl$-$, $-(C_1-C_6)$alkyl$-O-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-N(R_9)-$,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2$phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylalkyl, or anthracenylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;~~

~~L_3 is absent, a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-O-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl$-$, $-$alkenyl$-$, C(O);~~

R_1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or C_3-C_6 alkenyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-pyridinyl, (C_1-C_4) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl ring is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy;

the A ring is ~~phenyl, naphthyl,~~ thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl, benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, or pyrrolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, or $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl;

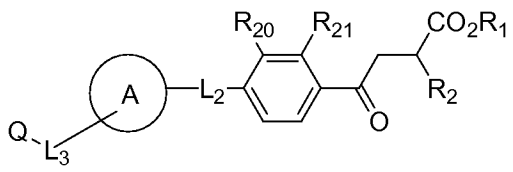
Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl- phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl,

imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, piperidinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH_2, -C(O)NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, -C(O)N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or -SO_2-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy, and

Z is phenyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, or NO_2.

Claim 13. (original) A compound according to claim 12, of the formula



wherein

R_1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -CH_2-pyridyl, or (C_1-C_4) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy; and

R_{20} and R_{21}, are independently selected from H, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, NH-phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, N(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, -$NHSO_2$-phenyl, -N(C_1-C_4alkyl)SO_2phenyl, or -N(C_1-C_4alkyl)phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy.

Claim 14. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 13, wherein

the A ring is ~~phenyl, naphthyl,~~ thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, quinazolinyl, or benzo[b]thiophene, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, ~~C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl,~~ wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl,

C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, or -SO_2-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy.

Claim 15. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 14, wherein

~~L_2 is a bond or -C(O)NR_9-, -N(R_9)C(O)-, -N(R_9)SO_2-, -SO_2N(R_9)-, -N(R_9)-, -N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-, or -(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, -SO_2phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthyl-CH_2-, or anthracenyl-CH_2-, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;~~

~~L_3 is a bond, -(C_1-C_4)alkyl-O-, -O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl, -(C_1-C_4) alkyl-, C(O);~~

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, -CH_2-pyridyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted

with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl, or -SO_2-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy.

Claim 16. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 15, wherein

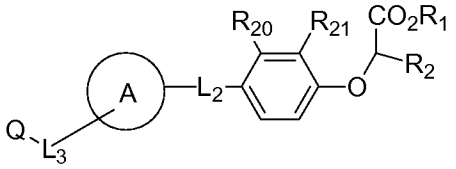
~~L_3 is a bond;~~

R_2 is phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3;

Q is H[[,]] or phenyl[[,]] optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; and

the A ring is ~~phenyl, naphthyl,~~ thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, quinazolinyl, and benzo[b]thiophene, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl.

Claim 17. (original) A compound according to claim 11, of the formula



wherein

R_1 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, or (C_1-C_4) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, -SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy.

Claim 18. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 17, wherein

the A ring is ~~phenyl, naphthyl,~~ thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, quinolinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, quinazolinyl, furanyl, or benzo[b]thiophene, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl; and

R_{20} and R_{21}, are independently selected from H, NO_2, NH_2, NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl, N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, NH-phenyl, -N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, N(C_1-C_4)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO_2-phenyl, -N(C_1-C_4alkyl)SO_2phenyl, or -N(C_1-C_4alkyl)phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy.

Claim 19. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 18, wherein

~~L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-, or $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-$N(R_9)-$,~~

~~R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2$phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthyl-CH_2-, or anthracenyl-CH_2-, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;~~

~~L_3 is a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl-O-, $-O-(C_1-C_4)$alkyl, $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl-, C(O);~~

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl, CF_3, or OCF_3;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, NR_6R_7, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl, or $-SO_2$-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2, OH, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6)$alkyl, $N(C_1-C_6)$alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_2 haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy.

Claim 20. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, solvent, adjuvant or excipient.

Claim 21. (original) A method of treating diabetes, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of a compound of claim 1.

Claim 22. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 which is

~~N-{[4-({[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~

N-({4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

~~N-{[4-({[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~

N-methyl-N-[(4-{5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-methyl-N-[(4-{5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-butoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

~~2-benzyl-4-oxo-4-[3-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]butanoic acid;~~

~~N-{[4-({[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~

N-({4-[5-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

~~N-{[4-({[4-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~

~~N-{[4-({[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}-N-methylphenylalanine;~~

~~methyl (2S)-2-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoate;~~

~~N-{[4-({[4-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~

~~N-{[4-({[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~

~~(2S)-2-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~N-[(4-{[4,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrimidin-2-yl]amino}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;~~

~~N-methyl-N-({4-[5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)phenylalanine;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-[4-({[2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-({[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-2-[3-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-{4-{[(4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

N-({4-[2-[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine

~~(2S)-2-[4-((2-naphthylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

N-[(4-{4-bromo-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

~~2-{4-[(4-bromobenzoyl)amino]-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~N-({4-[(6-bromo-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl)amino]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;~~

N-({4-[2-[(cyclopentylacetyl)amino]-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

N-({4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

~~2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-{[(4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~N-[(4-{[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;~~

~~2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-({[5-(dimethylamino)-1-naphthyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-{[(5-chloro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-[3-((2-naphthylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

N-[(4-{3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-[(4-{4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

~~2-{4-{[(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-{4-({[4-bromo-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-[3-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~2-{4-({[4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-{[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~diallyl {2-oxo-2-[4-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]ethyl}[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]malonate;~~

~~N-({4-[(6-isopropyl-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl)amino]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;~~

N-({4-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-ethyl-L-phenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-({4-[2,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

~~2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-{[(3,4-dibromophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-(4-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-{(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-{(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl](2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-{3-[(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~2-(3-[(4-bromophenyl)amino]-4-{[(4-butylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(2-naphthylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-{3-[(2-naphthylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-{3-[(2-anthrylsulfonyl)(2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-2-benzyl-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[{[4-(dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl]sulfonyl}(2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-({4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl}{[4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[{[4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}(2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-[3-({4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl}{[4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate; compound 70 from above~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-({4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl}{[4-(dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~(2S)-2-[4-({4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzyl}{[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-oxo-4-[4-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl] butanoic acid;~~

2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-({[2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-{[4-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-3-({[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-sulfonyl}-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

benzyl (2S)-2-[4-({(5-nitro-2-furyl)methyl]{[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoate;

(2R)-2-[4-({[4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinolin-5-yl]methyl}{[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-(4-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-3-{[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzoyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-{[(4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-({4-[(6-bromo-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl)(carboxymethyl)amino]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-{[(3-cyano-4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

4-[4-((4-chlorobenzyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxo-2-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)butanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-{4-[{[4-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}(1-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-(4-{[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl][4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-(4-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[{(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl](2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;

~~2-benzyl-4-(3-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-(3-{(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl 4-(3-{(4-benzoylbenzyl)[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-2-benzyl-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-{3-[[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl](4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(4-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylphenyl)-4-oxo-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]butanoic acid;~~

~~2-benzyl-4-{3-[{[4-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}(2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[(3,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonyl](2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;~~

~~N-{[4-(2-bromo-5-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;~~

~~N-{[4-(5-bromo-2-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine; compound 97~~

~~2-{4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

~~2-{4-[4-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

~~2-{4-[4-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

~~2-({4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

2-({4-[2-(2-Cyclopentyl-acetylamino)-5-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[2-(4-Chloro-benzoylamino)-5-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

~~2-({4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylamino]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;~~

2-({4-[5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-ethyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-{4-[5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-ethyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

~~2-[4-(5-Bromo-2-dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid~~

~~2-[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid~~

~~(4-{2-[(8-Chloro-dibenzofuran-4-carbonyl)-amino]-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl}-phenoxy)-phenyl-acetic acid~~

~~[4-(2-Benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy]-phenyl-acetic acid~~

~~[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy]-phenyl-acetic acid;~~ or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.